

Senate Resolution 164

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Murphy of the 27th, Chapman of the 3rd, Mullis of the 53rd and Hudgens of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sergeant First Class Scott Short; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Scott Short has been nominated for Peace Officer of the
3 Year for Valor and the Georgia State Patrol's Life Saving Award for his heroic and
4 life-saving actions; and

5 WHEREAS, on the evening of January 23, 2008, while traveling home on Highway 98 in
6 Madison County, Georgia, Sergeant Short encountered an accident involving a head-on
7 collision between a car and log truck; and

8 WHEREAS, after stopping at the scene of the crash and ascertaining the driver of the car was
9 in stable condition, Sergeant Short noticed flames coming from the cabin and trailer of the
10 log truck on the side of the road; and

11 WHEREAS, Sergeant Short grabbed a fire extinguisher, and, along with two brave civilians,
12 he worked to save the trapped truck driver from the raging fire surrounding him; and

13 WHEREAS, without hesitation, Sergeant Short crawled under the burning truck cab and
14 attempted to put out the flames that threatened the life of the trapped driver; and

15 WHEREAS, the fire from the truck continued to spread, igniting the fuel tank, the logs on
16 the truck bed, and the trees and ground surrounding the truck, but Sergeant Short remained
17 steadfast and determined to extinguish the flames; and

18 WHEREAS, four fire extinguishers later, Sergeant Short had put out the cab fire, and after
19 ensuring that the fire department could contain the fire raging in the truck trailer and without
20 regard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Short worked to free the driver from danger; and

21 WHEREAS, with the trailer still ablaze, Sergeant Short and a helpful civilian dislodged the
22 logs pinning down the driver and pried open the truck door, allowing the driver to escape
23 with, amazingly, only minor scrapes; and

24 WHEREAS, due to Sergeant Short's quick thinking, courageous actions, and bravery on that
25 January day in 2008, a precious life was spared; and

26 WHEREAS, in recognition of Sergeant Short's valiant actions, he has been nominated for the
27 Georgia State Patrol's Life Saving Award and as Peace Officer of the Year for Valor.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize Sergeant First Class Scott Short and commend his courageous actions that went
30 above and beyond the call of duty.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sergeant First Class Scott Short.